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IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) A method for providing a telephone number on a public telephone network from a personal directory stored on a computer network, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a voice connection from a personal directory subscriber to a translation server that holds a computer network address for a personal directory of the subscriber, the personal directory of the subscriber containing a plurality of pairs of names and corresponding telephone numbers, at least one of the plurality of pairs being populated by the caller;

connecting the translation server to a computer network address of the personal directory of the subscriber;

retrieving information from the personal directory at the computer network address, the retrieved information comprising at least one of a telephone number and one of the plurality of pairs of names and corresponding telephone numbers; and

confirming by the caller at least one aspect of the retrieved information in response to a voice prompt from the translation server.

Claim 12. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of searching a memory in the translation server for the computer network address of the personal directory of the subscriber.

Claim 13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of confirming comprises confirming, by the caller, the telephone number associated with the retrieved information.

Claim 14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of confirming comprises confirming, by the caller, the name associated with the retrieved information.

Claim 15. (Canceled)

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Claim 16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of automatically dialing the retrieved number after the step of confirming.

Claim 17. (Currently Amended) A personal directory system accessible by a voice caller, comprising:

a translation server, responsive to a the voice caller, for searching a plurality of stored computer addresses for a computer address corresponding to the caller and establishing a connection, via a computer network, with the corresponding address, said translation server being further configured to receive voice commands from the caller and to issue voice prompts to the caller; and

a personal directory server, associated with the corresponding address and responsive to the translation server, for storing a plurality of personal directories, each personal directory comprising personal directory entries, at least one of the personal directory entries being populated by the voice caller, and for accessing a personal directory corresponding to the voice caller, whereby information associated with a selected personal directory entry may be provided from the personal directory corresponding to the voice caller to and confirmed by the voice caller in response to a voice prompt from the translation server from the personal directory corresponding to the caller.

Claim 18. (Previously Presented) The personal directory system of claim 17, wherein the translation server is adapted to be connected to a public telephone network switch and to a computer network.

Claim 19. (Previously Presented) The personal directory system of claim 18, wherein the translation server is further configured to transmit a telephone number associated with the directory entry to the telephone switch to complete a connection on the telephone network.

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Claim 20. (Previously Presented) The personal directory system of claim 18, wherein the translation server is further configured to receive a call from the switch requesting access to the caller's personal directory.

Claim 21. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, further comprising a text-to-speech module, responsive to the personal directory server, for converting the selected personal directory entry to at least one of a name or telephone number.

Claim 22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising a voice recognition module responsive to the voice caller, for recognizing the selected a personal directory entry spoken by the voice caller.

Claim 23. (Amended) The system of claim 17, further comprising a caller identification module, responsive to the voice caller, for identifying the voice caller to the translation server, to associate the voice caller with one of the stored computer addresses.

Claim 24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 17, wherein the translation server is further configured to be responsive to the personal directory server to automatically dial the selected personal directory entry.

Claim 25. (Currently Amended) A personal directory server accessible by a voice caller, comprising:

means for storing a plurality of personal directories, each personal directory including a plurality of personal directory entries, wherein at least one of the personal directory entries includes a telephone number provided by a subscriber associated with the personal directory;

means for associating a the voice caller with one of the personal directories;

means for corresponding one of the personal directory entries with a selected personal directory entry provided by the voice caller; and

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means for confirming by the voice caller, in response to a voice prompt, the corresponding one of the personal directory entries with the selected personal directory entry provided by the voice caller.

Claim 26. (Previously Presented) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the means for storing a plurality of personal directories is configured to store the personal directories at different network addresses.

Claim 27. (Previously Presented) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein each personal directory comprises a plurality of pairs of names of telephony subscribers and their corresponding telephone numbers.

Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the a personal directory server further comprises means for searching the stored telephone numbers in the personal directory of the subscriber for a desired telephone number.

Claim 29. (Previously Presented) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the personal directory server further comprises means for transmitting a selected stored number in response to a request for the number.